HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR
PASTOR
SUPERINTENDENT LEVON BELL

SUNRISE
June 16, 1947

SUNSET
December 30, 2017

SERVICE

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
11:00 AM

GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

27689 Tyrrell Avenue
Hayward, California 94544
Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin
Officiant
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop
of The Church of God In Christ

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude ..... Musician
Processional ..... Clergy and Family
Master of Ceremony ..... Pastor Henry Kelly
Grace Temple COGIC, Antioch, CA

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder John B. Harris, Jr.
Scripture Reading: Old Testament Job 14; verse 14..... Pastor Charles Jones
New Testament St. John 14: verses 1, 2, and 3..... Elder James Eli
Praise Dance ..... Sister Anne Hall

Ministry Expressions
Lifetime Spiritual Father..... Dr. Arelious Walker
Companion In The Gospel ..... Pastor Albert Featherstone
Sweet Unity District .....Superintendent Jerald K.Simpkins, Sr.
Solo ..... Sister Pam Sharp

Family Expressions
A Poem for Grandfather ..... Asiatique Mitchell, *Granddaughter*
My Grandfather ..... Le'Kneesha Gardner, *Granddaughter*
Solo ..... LaToya London
My Father ..... Missionary Dorothea M. Ivory, *Daughter*
My Brother ..... In Lieu of Janita Wallace, *Sister*: Reading by Shanice Bell, *Niece*
My Brother... In Lieu of Verline Partee, *Sister*: Reading by Amine Partee, *Nephew*
My Brother-In-Law ..... James Richards
Special Words ..... Faye Crosley
Solo ..... LaToya London

Community Expressions
Hunter's Point Unity .....Bro. Ronald James
Elder John Smith, Oscar James, Nathaniel Vaughn, Albert Otis

Resolutions, Cards & Acknowledgements ..... First Lady Ukina Jetton
Obituary *(Silently Read)*
Sermonic Solo ..... Sister Pam Sharp
Message Of Hope ..... Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin
Parting View
Recessional

OBITUARY

Superintendent Levon Bell was born on June 16, 1947 in Memphis, Tennessee to the union of Walter and Delia Ann Bell. He was the third of eight children. As a child, he spent his early years in Memphis, Tennessee with his family. In 1956, the family moved to San Francisco, California.

He attended Sir Francis Drake Elementary School and Pelton Jr. High School. After graduating, he attended Mission High and later transferred to Woodrow Wilson High School. Moving forward, he attended John O'Connell where he specialized in Electronics. He studied Sociology at San Francisco City College. Afterwards he attended UC Berkeley and studied Linguistics.

In 1963, he met Linda Jamerson and to this union a baby girl was born and he named her Dorothea Bell. During Pastor Bell's early life, he was considered a leader in the Bayview. He had friends and followers that loved him, and still remain loyal to him and his ministry to this day. He was seeked to resolve problems in the community and eventually solved them all.

In 1975, after living a somewhat full life, Pastor Levon Bell heeded to the call of the Lord and accepted Jesus Christ as His Personal Savior serving under the Leadership of Dr. Arelious Walker at True Hope Church Of God In Christ in San Francisco. On December 20, 1975, he married Carol Cowell and to this union he gained two sons, Joel Cowell and son, Noel Bell-Stampley who preceded him in death). Later two more children were added to this union, Javon and Vonnique Bell. In November 1988, untimely Carol Bell went on to be with the Lord. He obeyed the call of the Lord and started out Ministering to many. He began to Pastor the Church Of The Redeemed Church Of God In Christ. Fellowship Ministry started in his home and later at 2500 3rd Street, San Francisco, CA, in the heart of "Dog Patch".

Later they relocated to Geneva Ave. across from the Cow Palace. The Lord spoke to Superintendent Bell and said, *"You're not 'hungry enough"*. The church then raised enough money, and bought the building located at 1830 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo, CA. Superintendent Bell had a 3-Fold Vision, "*the Word*, *Fundraising* and *Evangelizing*".

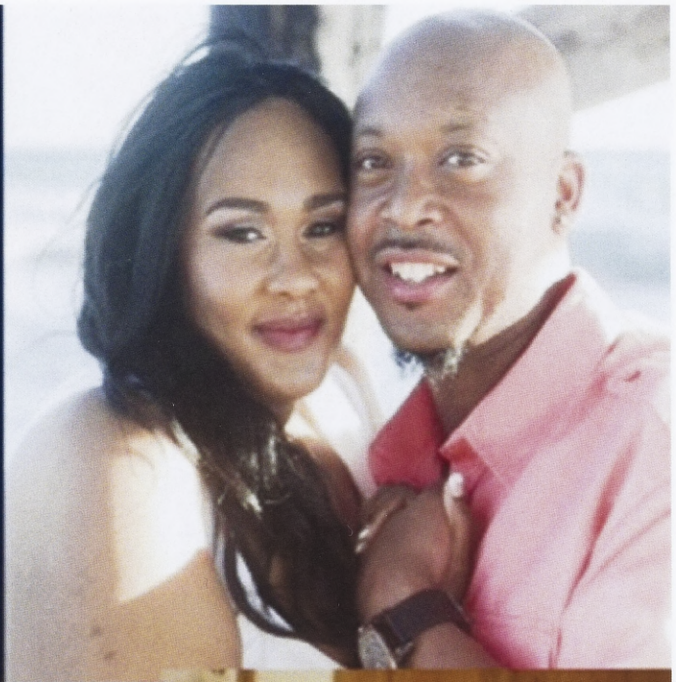
Later in 1989, he married Elizabeth McCurtis and to this union Destani Bell was born. Pastor Bell loved his children very much. He has always been involved in Mass Evangelism from the Bay Area to Los Angeles and other cities in California. He completed Revivals in Dallas, TX and visited the Bishop in the Hawaiian Islands. He was active in Jail Ministry in West County, Martinez and San Francisco. His passion was putting together Rally's, and bringing Souls to Christ. He loved serving the community with food give-aways during holidays (Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas) or whenever needed. He was a "Community Pastor" and was considered the Hunter's Point Preacher assisting, serving, many families. Just can just call on him and he would be there to help with needs.

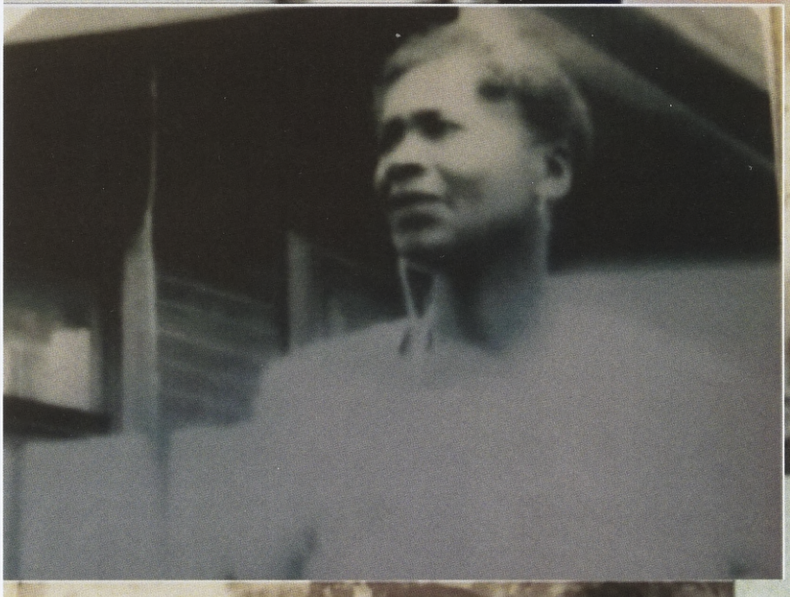
"So Built we the wall; and the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work". -Nehemiah 4: 6

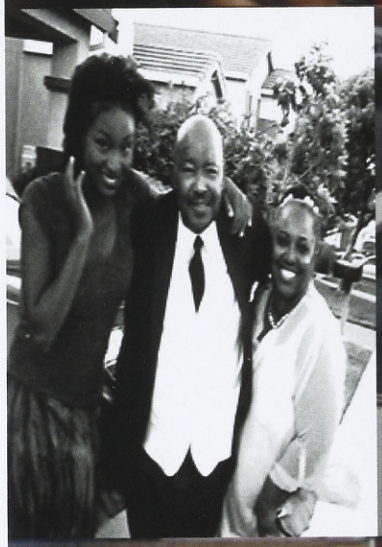
As an active Leader of the Community, he resolved many issues that had arised in the community and also with families. He was a peace-maker and negotiator. In showing his works as a negotiator, Superintendent Levon Bell was able to intervene with multiple rival communities having all of them to lay their "guns" down and brought peace amongst them. A true "Vanguard" who moved forward on the front line. He was also employeed at San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (M.T.A.) where he worked as a Transit Operator at all Muni Divisions. He worked 20 years and retired from Muni.

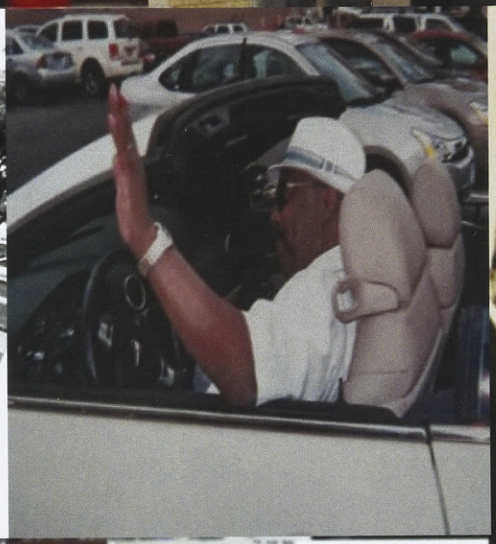
Pastor Bell was united in marriage September 28, 2002 to Lillie M. Jackson where they remained together working for the Lord and spiritually helping others until his untimely departure. He departed this life on Saturday, December 30, 2017. Preceding him in death was his mother, Delia Ann Bell; father, Walter Bell, Sr.; brothers, Walter Bell, Jr. and Lynwood Bell; his first wife Carol Cowell-Bell; sister, Delores Bell; and son Noel Bell Stampley.

He leaves to cherish his memory his lovely wife, First Lady Lillie M. Bell; his *siblings*, sisters Janita Wallace and Verline Partee; *brothers* Maurice and Winifred Bell; his *children*, Dorothea M. Ivory (husband, Greg); Joel Cowell (wife, Cindy); Javon Bell (wife, Josephine); Vonnique Mitchell (husband, Paris); Destani Bell; Stacy Young (husband, Eric); Stephanie Jackson. *Grandchildren*, Courtney Bell, Sr.; Le'Kneesha Gardner (husband, Nate); Joel Jr., Pierre, Dominic and Amon Cowell; Gregory Ivory Jr.; Carol Bell; Janae Bell; Asiatique Mitchell, Sirah Sage Mitchell; Elan Ilo Mitchell; Ari Mitchell, Donovan Boone. *Great-grandchildren,* Courtney Bell Jr.; Naylah Gardner; Prince Gardner and Harmonii Boone.









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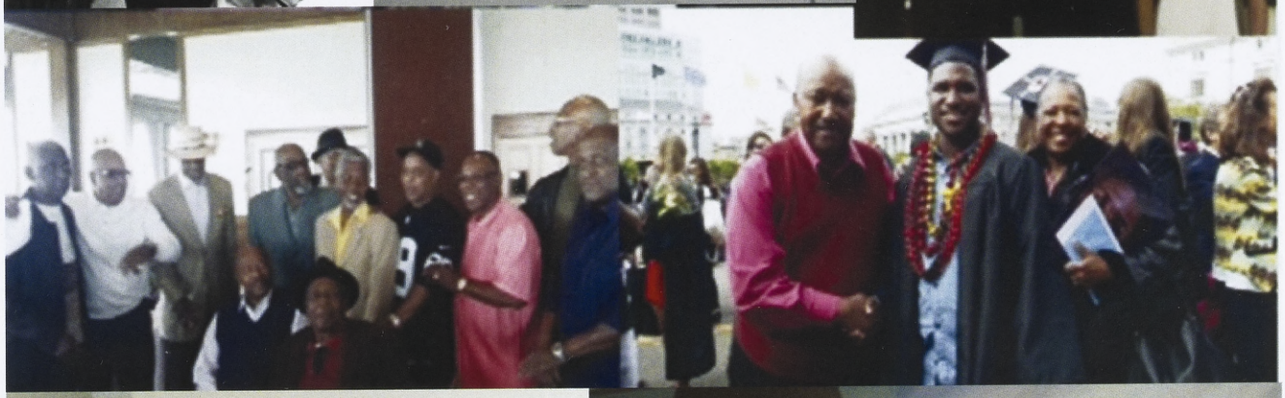

DR. ARELIOUS WALKER
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HAZEL M. WALKER
ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?
How did you get into the Church? Before you got saved, or after you received Christ as your personal Saviour? There is a difference. The Pastor and Membership of the True Hope C.O.G.I.C. invite you to come and worship the Lord with us.
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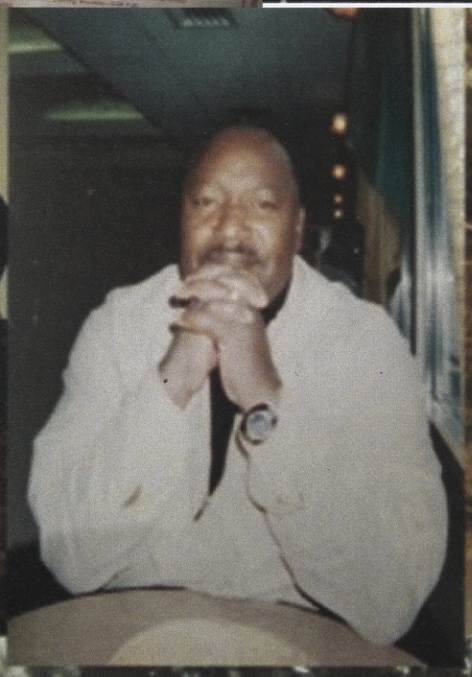

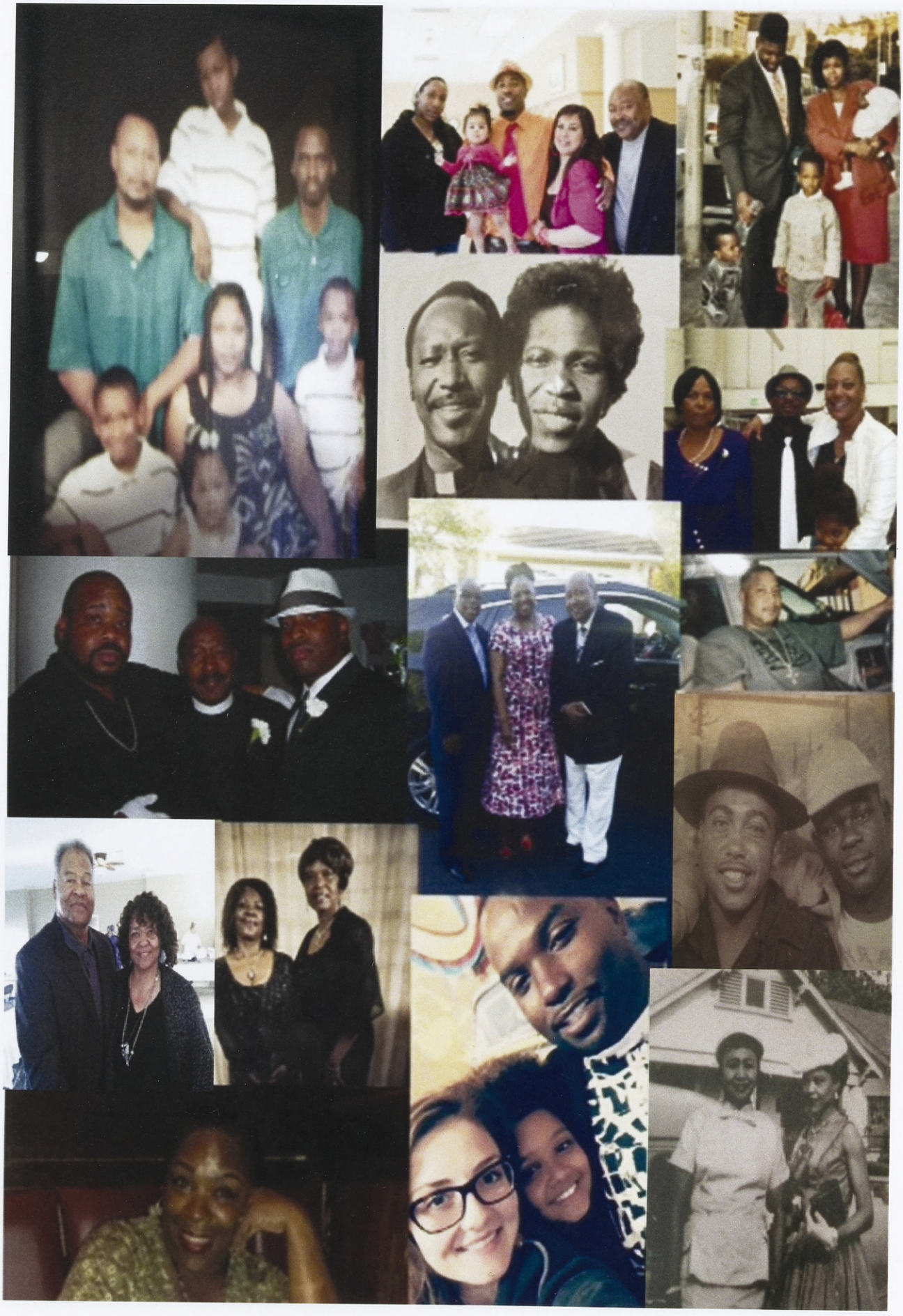

Messages to Grandfather/ Great-Grandfather:

Dear Big Papa, you are the best Big Papa in the world. Thank you for all you've done. Sadly, you have passed away in our presence but we will love and appreciate everything you have done for the family. *From Naylah and Prince*

Dear Big Papa, Thanks for being a loving and kind Big Papa. I will miss you. Have fun in Heaven. Love you, your Great-grandson, *Courtney Jr.*

Papa, Thank you for always being there for me and loving me. I will miss you and I will never forget you. And please tell Grandma all about me.
I love you, ***Janae Bell***

Messages to Daddy:

My Dearest Daddy, you are a phenomenal example of a Great Man Of God, a great Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. When I look at you Daddy, this is what I see…...A man with a Character & Heart of God…. A rreat Leader guiding me and many to the Lord Jesus Christ….. Your words, encouragement and teaching have helped me to become Rooted in God…. Daddy my Icon, my Teacher, my Coach, A light in my darkest moments, You Gave Me Hope! I'll miss us praying together, our conversation, laughing at your jokes…. Daddy thanks for spending your last Christmas with me at our home. Daddy I'm not saying goodbye because I know where you are, so I'll see you in Heaven. Forever In My Heart and Thoughts, I Love You Daddy. Your daughter ***Dodie***

Dad, I've had the privilege to watch you live what you truly believed in. May your legacy (being a true Man of God) live here in the physical life form forever. Romans 12:1 *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service"*. Love you Daddy, ***JB***

To Le Von Bell, my father and gifted proclaimer of the faith. We are eternally grateful for your example of love and perseverance. Truth, joy and peace be with you forever. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven *(Matt 5: 16)* Eternally yours, ***Vonnique Bell-Mitchell***

Daddy, thank you for all you did for me and for continuously being there me inspite of everything. Love you forever, ***Destani***

Message to Our Brother:

To my Brother, I'm going to miss you deeply and Von, I'll see you on the other side. I will miss your smile and the dimples on the sides of your facial cheeks. You were a strong prayer warrior. We shared a lot of memories but what sticks with me most is seeing you teach under the Raw Power of God; how you stuck with your family through thick and thin. I will always remember how we labored together in prayer at True Hope COGIC. I want to say to you, "Job Well Done" my dear brother. And to my family, we must keep our heads up because God is still on our side. We must look to the hills from whence cometh our help because our help cometh from the Lord. God is going to bring us through. This too will pass. From your loving sister and family, ***Verline***

The broken chain, as I sat here trying to think how can I go on, tears in my eyes and heaviness weighing down on my heart, now that you are gone. I know the day that God was calling your name, my heart would be broken and never the same. In life I loved you dearly, in death I do the same. As I sat here and mourn the day God called you home, you left me peaceful memories, your love is still my guide and though I can see you, I know you are by my side. My heart starts to weep, brother what about the talks we shared on politics, we talked and laughed and grew closer in bond. Tell me how to go on? I must hold on to God's hand, when the chains of my family is broken once again. It broke my heart to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of me went with you. The family chain is broken once again and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. So brother tell Mom, Lois and J.R., Hi! One day we will be together again. Love you, your Baby Sis, ***Janita***

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Courtney Bell, Sr.
David Glenn, Jr.
Gregory Ivory, Jr.
Paris Mitchell
David Wallace
Deandre Wallace

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tony "Tokay" Armstrong
Javon Bell
Maurice Bell
Winifred Bell
Steve Brown
Troy Brown
Ray Fisher
Ted Ford
Nate Gardner
Donald Hamilton
John Harris
Greg Ivory
Donald James
Oscar James
Willie Turner
Ronald James
Bro Eugene Mabrey
Franklin McCoy
Paris Mitchell
Albert Otis
Lionel Premis
Tyron Premis
James Richards

HONORING MEMORABLE PALLBEARERS

Noel Bell
Lynwood Bell
Walter Bell, Jr.
David Glenn, Sr.
Ronnie Lane
Donald Ray Mabrey
Richard Mabrey
Dwayne Manuel
Jerry McDonald
Alton Otis
Milton Otis
Jerry Rice
JR Richards
Alonzo Rodgers
Sam Thomas
Willard Williams

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The Family of Pastor Superintendent Levon Bell wishes to extend our thanks and gratitude for your kindnesses evidenced in thoughts, prayers, and deeds and for your attendance at this service of celebration. Your cards, the food, words of comfort will never be forgotten.

INTERMENT

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Repast Immediately following Service, Glad Tidings Fellowship Hall

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